

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CRIMINAL DIVISION

PEOPLE OF THE STATE  
OF ILLINOIS, — — — )  
Plaintiff, ) 93 CR 13526  
v. )  
ROBERT BOUTO )  
Defendant. )

AFFIDAVIT

Affiant, EDWIN MALDONADO, being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. My name is Edwin Maldonado, and I am also known by the nickname "Lobo." My birth [REDACTED] E.M.
2. On May 14 and 15, 1993, I was at the Area 5 lockup located at 5555 W. Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois., with my friend Francisco Vincente. I was in the custody of the Chicago Police Department on a charge of armed robbery. E.M.
3. At that time I was a heavy user of heroin, with a \$100.00 per day drug habit. I was also experiencing severe withdrawal symptoms. E.M.
4. I saw Robert Buto chained to the latrine on the second floor of the Area 5 lockup. I never saw Robert Buto prior to seeing him chained to the latrine at Area 5 lockup. E.M.
5. My cell was next to Robert Buto's cell. Francisco Vincente's cell was on the other side of Robert Buto's cell. Robert Buto's cell was between my cell and Francisco Vincente's cell. E.M.
6. At no time while I was in custody at Area 5 lockup did I hear Robert Buto confess or state to me or Francisco Vincente that he killed or murdered anyone. E.M.
7. Approximately 4 to 7 days later, Francisco Vincente and I met each other at the bullpen in the jail at 26th and California. Francisco Vincente stated to me that he had a way to "get us off." I understood this to mean a way to get out of the charges that we were in custody for. Upon hearing this, I told Francisco "whatever." E.M.

8. Francisco Vincente told me that he was going to set up the "Stone boy" by implicating him for murder. Francisco Vincente put great pressure on me to make similar statements. *EM*

9. A short time later, I was brought upstairs in the Criminal Courts Building section. I was asked if Robert Busto confessed to the murder of Salvador Ruvalcaba. I stated "Yes." This statement was not true, and was and is a lie. I was being pressured to do so by Francisco Vincente. Also, at that time I was not feeling well due to withdrawal symptoms from my heroin habit. *EM*

10. A short time later I met with an assistant states attorney who told me what Francisco Vincente had stated to them. I then repeated to them the same thing that the assistant states attorney told me. I made a statement and signed my signature on that statement at the urging of the assistant states attorney and the Chicago Police Department. The contents of the statement was what the states attorney told me that Francisco Vincente had earlier said to them and the police. If they did not tell me what Francisco Vincente had told them, I would not have been able to corroborate Francisco Vincente's statements. I made the statement according to what they told me. *EM*

11. I repeated to the Grand Jury for the trial of Robert Busto the exact statement that I signed in the presence of the states attorney. *EM*

12. In 1995 the assistant states attorney in Robert Busto's trial, subpoenaed me, and prepared me for the trial by reviewing the false statement I gave to the Grand Jury and the Chicago Police Department. *EM*

13. I repeat, Robert Busto never confessed to me or to Francisco Vincente about committing a murder. *EM*

14. I gave a false statement to the Chicago Police Department and the Grand Jury regarding Robert Busto. *EM*

19. I was scared and feared great bodily harm from Francisco Vincente if I didn't cooperate in making the false statement. That is the only reason why I lied in making the statement about Robert Busto. Francisco Vincente was a respected member of the IG's (Imperial Gangsters), and I felt that I had to what he told me to do or else face trouble. *EM*

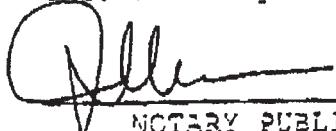
20. At this time I wish to make amends for my past. I cannot E.M.  
see an innocent man spend the rest of his life in prison.

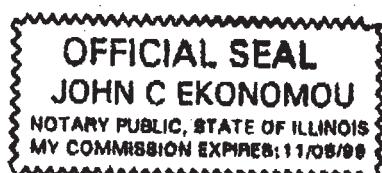
FURTHER, the affiant sayeth not.

Edwin Maldonado.

EDWIN MALDONADO

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 30th day of April, 1996

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC



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